

OGC 7-1764a

20 December 1957

**OGC HAS REVIEWED.**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: FDD Publications

1. Your memorandum of 21 October 1957 inquired as to whether FDD dissemination in specified instances to industrial, academic, and scientific sources with a view to keeping the classification as low as possible is consistent with the spirit and letter of [REDACTED] Comments on your specific examples are made hereafter.

2. We perceive no objection as an administrative practice to internal reports derived from open publications being published under the cover control of "For Official Use Only" (your paragraph 1.a.). But, we would point out that this provides no legal protection under the criminal statutes.

3. We see no objection to the publication of items which are marked as not classified when removed from a report having an over-all classification (your paragraph 1.b.).

4. [REDACTED] we assume your concern is that intelligence sources and methods might be compromised even though the substance of the publication is unclassified. We feel that as long as the distribution is authorized by the Director or his designee that [REDACTED] has been complied with.

5. We have received an informal opinion from the Office of Security that dissemination of unclassified translations should be restricted to Government organizations. However, as you know the National Science Foundation translates Soviet science journals and offers them for subscription. It may be that your

office will wish to pursue the matter further with the Office of Security.

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Remarks:

*Mr. O.K.*  
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